GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3003
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REOPENING/OPENING OF LEVEL CROSSINGS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken initiatives to re-open the closed railway level crossing Gate No.SK/61 at Km.73/7-8 bit Koj. SIJF-`A` Class inter locked Traffic Gate located at Kokrajhar Town;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Railways have received requests for opening of railway level crossing gates :-

(i) at Nayachara-Borokhurshiakati on the left side of the railway bridges over the Champamati River between Salakati railway station and Basugaon railway station in Kokrajhar district within Bodoland Territory;

(ii) at km.306/3-4 between Barpeta Road and Sarupeta railway station in Barpeta district in lower Assam; and

(e) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA)

(a) to (c) A Road over bridge has been coastructed in lieu of level crossing No.SK/61 which was located at km.173/7-8. After commissioning of the Road over bridge, the level crossing has been closed. There is no proposal to re-open the level crossing as re-opening of the level crossing would defeat the very purpose of construction of Road over bridge. Moreover, level crossing at said location cannot be allowed due to safety & operational reasons as the level crossing was located in yard area.

(d)& (e) As per existing policy, provision of level crossings is made in consultation with the State Govt. at the time of laying a new line: or within 10 years from the date of its commissioning to traffic. Thereafter, any accommodation work such as level crossing can be provided at a technically suitable location on deposit terms, if such a proposal is sponsored by the State Govt/Local bodies duly agreeing to bear the initial cost of construction of the level crossing and one time capitalized cost of recurring maintenance and operational charges. No such proposal has been received from State Govt./Local body so far. Further, as per policy of Railways, no new unmanned level crossing is permitted on existing lines.